RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The opinion of the Inspector on all those applications was wth the Government.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): With regard to applications not covered by Appendix II, I wish to know whether the Government have obtained the opinion of the Ayurveda Inspector?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Even with regard to applications not covered by Appendix II, Government had the opinion of the Inspector when they decided the question.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) ; Was it the opinion of the Inspector that these places do not deserve Ayurveda *Vaidyasalas* ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He preferred other localities; but Government thought there was sufficient justification to make some alterations in the recommendations of the Inspector.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Have the Government any other officer specially competent to advise them in the matter ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government received representations from the *Vaidyans* and the inhabitants of different localities. Government had issued from time to time endorsements to several applicants that their applications would be considered when fresh grants were to be sanctioned. Government thought it would be sufficient if they sanctioned grants to *Vaidyasalas* as they had done.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether the recommendation sent by the Inspector was sent back to him and Government called for another recommendation ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The first report received from the Inspector was sent back to him; and he made certain other recommendations in his subsequent report.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know how many times the recommendations of the Inspector were sent back and fresh reports called for ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Only once, Sir.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartigapalli II*) : Was any grant given to any *Vishavydian* ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have not got the list of all grant-in-aid *Vydians* with me.

"R" Block of the Vembanad Reclamation Scheme.

119. ✻ **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any sanction was accorded to the rubble walls being constructed on the sides of "R" block of the Vembanad Reclamation Scheme :

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(*b*) the amount sanctioned for the work;

(*c*) the date on which the work was ordered to be begun;

(*d*) whether any proposal or scheme or representation was submitted to the Government, inviting their attention to the fact that the above construction could be avoided in favour of the construction of a wall on the northern side of "R" and "T" blocks;

(*e*) whether it was not clearly pointed out, in the alternative suggestion referred to above, that the construction of the "R" "T" wall would bring under safe paddy cultivation quite a very much large area than the extent sought to be served by the "R" wall;

(*f*) the date on which the Government received the said representation and the action taken thereon?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 56,430.

(*c*) 18th September 1935.

(*d*) One Mr. M. T. Joseph of Murikkummootil House, Kavalam, had put in a petition suggesting the shifting of the proposed granite bund to the northern boundaries of Q and T blocks and to the western boundaries of the T and S blocks instead of enclosing the R block.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Representations were received on 10-10-1935, 6-4-1111, 3-11-1935 and 8-1-1936. They were all rejected and the petitioner was informed that his proposals would be considered if the three blocks Q, S and T of the Vembanad Reclamations are reclaimed and a decision is reached regarding the source of water supply to Alleppey.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to part (*f*), may I know who is the gentleman that has made the representations referred to?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Mr. M. T. Joseph.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): What is the nature of the representation?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): That blocks Q and K should be registered in his name.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Was there any reference in his representation with regard to the work referred to in part (*d*)?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): There was.

S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): What has become of his representation about that?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): It has been rejected.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): What was his representation in regard to the expenditure of the amount of Rs. 55,430?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): His representation was that, if the Q and K blocks were registered to him on favourable terms, he would do the clay work so that the Government need do only the remaining portion of the work.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Did he not represent to Government that he was prepared to construct the wall at his own cost ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): No, not in that representation.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Did he make that offer in any of his representations ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): In his last representation, he said that he would do the clay work and that the Government need do only the rest.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Has he not made a definite offer that he would see that the construction of the wall is completed at his own cost ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): May I know which representation the member is referring to ?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : In any of his representations, has he made the definite offer that he would construct the wall at his own cost and that the Government could save the sum of Rs. 55,430 ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): There is one representation dated 4-8-34 in which he requests that he may be given the contract to put up the bund from Kumarakam to Alleppey. That representation does not contain the offer about the wall referred to by the member.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : In his representation dated 8-1-1936, has he not made the offer ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): In that representation, he undertakes to put up a mud-wall, and states that the Government need not spend a large sum on the work.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : It is stated in part (*f*) of the answer—

> "They were all rejected, and the petitioner was informed that his proposals would be considered if the three blocks Q, S and T of the Vembanad Reclamation are reclaimed".

May I know what is the reclamation scheme that is referred to.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : The statement in the answer means that the proposals of the petitioner would be considered when the Government take up the question of allowing registry of those blocks.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*) : What is the area of the R block ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) I have no information.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*) : Approximately what is the amount of tax that the Government hope to realise from the R block ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) I claim notice.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): How many people own the area comprised in the R block.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : Thirteen.

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MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKER (*Shertala II*): At whose instance was this work of putting up a wall undertaken?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): The question of providing a wall on the northern and western sides of the R block was being agitated for several years by the owners of the R block.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): What is the object of the construction of the wall?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): To protect the R block and the blocks to the south of the R block from the fury of the lake.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): How far has the work progressed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): It is making very good progress.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Are the owners of the lands, which are to be protected by this wall, to repay the amount now spent, in instalments?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is this work considered an irrigation work?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): It is classed among public works. It is being done by the Irrigation Department.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): If it is done by the Irrigation Department, are not the provisions of the Irrigation Regulation, for the recovery of the amount spent, applicable to this work?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I have already stated, Sir, that Government have undertaken to do the work themselves.

MR. A.S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Then, for that purpose, have they considered the area that is benefited and the amount of tax that the Government could expect out of the protected area?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Block R and the blocks to the south of it are already paying tax to Government. It has been ascertained that if the R block is not protected along with that block, the blocks south of it would also go out of cultivation.

MR. P. C. KRIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Have the owners of the R block made any representation to Government that this work is necessary to protect their lands?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Yes, Sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Is the amount required for this work spent out of the irrigation fund?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I claim notice.

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